

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

Thus, spatial dithering may allow the averages of the color values (or, more generally, sample component values) to ~~more~~ be more faithfully preserved through truncation than simple rounding without spatial dithering. It is noted that the advantages of dithering may be more pronounced when the original sample color values are tightly clustered about their average value.